National Drugs and Pharmaceutical Authority

2676. SHRIMATI KRISTNA KAUL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Drugs and Pharmaceutical Authority has since been set up by Government; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Grievances of Telecommunication Technicians

2677. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about tool down demo tration by the Telecommunication Technicians throughout India;

(b) what are the details regarding the settlement arrived at between the Bhartiya Technical Union and the Department of Telecommunications before the Assistant Labour Commissioner on the 5th August, 1986; and

(c) what are reasons for non-implementation of the said settlement?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details are given in the enclosed statement (*See* below).

(c) The agreement dated 5-8-86 was followed by the setting up of the Agarwal Committee to study the question of Rationalisation of Technical and Allied cadres in the Department of Telecom. This Committee has submitted its report in December, 87 which is being studied and processed further with the Government.

Statement

Terms of settlement between Bharatiya Telecommunication Technicians Union and Department of Telecom. before the Assistant Chief Labour Commissioner (Central) on 5th August, 1986:

(1) The proposal for the revision of the pay scales of the Technicians has already been taken up with the appropriate authorities and it will be pursued vigorously by the Department of Telecommunications for grant of better pay scales than recommended by the Commission.

(2) The final decision of the Government regarding the recommendations of the Pay Commission may be awaited.

(3) Circle authorities will be requested by the Department of Telcom. to consider the case of the absentees with sympathy and ensure harmonious relations.

(4) The Association/Union agreed to withdraw the Hunger Strike and the Strike Notice serverd on the Management with immediate effect.

दिल्ली में टेलीफोन के लिए आवेदक

2678. **श्री नीलं कुमार पटटनायक :** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली में सार्वजनिक टेलीफोन का पंजीकरण करवाने वाले आवेदकों को यह वचन देना होता है कि वे महानगर टेलीफोन निगम को प्रतिमास कम से कम 500/- रुपए का भुगतान करेंगे ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और उस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

ऊर्जा मंत्री और संचार मंत्री (श्री वसंत साठे) : (क) और (ख) जानकारी एकत्रित की जा रही है और इसे सभा पटल पर रख दिया जाएगा ।

Power generation in Orissa

2679. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to generate additional power in Orissa;

(b) if so, whether any new projects are proposed to be set up during 1988-89; and

(c) if not, what steps are being taken to meet the power shortage in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) In order to increase the availability of power in the State, various measures are being taken which include expediting commissioning of new capacity, optimum utilisation of existing capacity reduction of transmission and distribution losses and implementation of centrally sponsored Renovation and Modernisation scheme at Talcher Thermal Power Station. To the extent, possible, assistance is also provided to Orissa from the Farakka and Chukha Power Stations as well as from the neighbouring systems.

Wind Mills in Orissa

2680. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether wind mills have been commissioned in Orissa to produce energy;

(b) if so, how many such mills have been installed and what are the details thereof;

(c) what has been their performance since their installation; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to install more wind mills in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under the national windpump demonstration programme, 272 water pumping windmills have been installed in Orissa. A wind farm of 1.1 MW capacity comprising twenty 55KW wind electric generators has been established at Puri. A 100 KW grid-connected wind electric generator has recently been installed at Kaipadar. Three 4 KW battery chargers are also under installation in the State.

(c) The windpumps are reported to be performing satisfactorily. The wind farm at Puri has so far fed over 6.5 lakh units of electricity to the State grid in trial operations. The generation is likely to go up and attain regular levels once the grid reliability has been strengthened.

(d) An additional 50 water pumping windmills of existing design as well as a project for five new deep-well windmills have been taken up in Orissa. The possibility of taking up additional wind energy projects will depend on the results of wind survey projects and the availability of financial resources.